

MEDICAID DENTAL COVERAGE AMENDMENTS

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill makes changes to the Medicaid adult dental services waiver program.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ expands Medicaid dental coverage to elderly Medicaid patients; and
- ▶ adds the University of Utah School of Dentistry's associated statewide network to the list of providers for adult dental services in the Medicaid program.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

26-18-413, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 78

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **26-18-413** is amended to read:

26-18-413. Medicaid waiver for delivery of adult dental services.

(1) (a) Before June 30, 2016, the department shall ask the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services to grant waivers from federal statutory and regulatory law necessary for the Medicaid program to provide dental services in the manner described in Subsection (2).

(b) Before June 30, 2018, the department shall submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services a request for waivers, or an amendment of existing waivers, from federal law necessary for the state to provide dental services, in accordance with Subsections (2)(b) through (g), to an individual described in Subsection (2)(b)(i).

(c) Before June 30, 2019, the department shall submit to the Centers for Medicare and

33 Medicaid Services a request for waivers, or an amendment to existing waivers, from federal
34 law necessary for the state to provide dental services, in accordance with Subsections (2)(b)
35 through (g) to an individual described in Subsection (2)(b)(ii).

36 (2) (a) To the extent funded, the department shall provide services to only blind or
37 disabled individuals, as defined in 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1382c(a)(1), who are 18 years old or older
38 and eligible for the program.

39 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (2)(a)[~~5~~]:

40 (i) if a waiver is approved under Subsection (1)(b), the department shall provide dental
41 services to an individual who:

42 [(~~ii~~)] (A) qualifies for the health coverage improvement program described in Section
43 26-18-411; and

44 [(~~ii~~)] (B) is receiving treatment in a substance abuse treatment program, as defined in
45 Section 62A-2-101, licensed under Title 62A, Chapter 2, Licensure of Programs and
46 Facilities[~~5~~]; and

47 (ii) if a waiver is approved under Subsection (1)(c), the department shall provide dental
48 services to an individual who is an aged individual as defined in 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1382c(a)(1).

49 (c) To the extent possible, services to individuals described in Subsection (2)(a)
50 [~~within Salt Lake County~~] shall be provided through the University of Utah School of Dentistry
51 and the University of Utah School of Dentistry's associated statewide network.

52 (d) The department shall provide the services to individuals described in Subsection
53 (2)(b):

54 (i) by contracting with an entity that:

55 (A) has demonstrated experience working with individuals who are being treated for
56 both a substance use disorder and a major oral health disease;

57 (B) operates a program, targeted at the individuals described in Subsection (2)(b), that
58 has demonstrated, through a peer-reviewed evaluation, the effectiveness of providing dental
59 treatment to those individuals described in Subsection (2)(b);

60 (C) is willing to pay for an amount equal to the program's non-federal share of the cost
61 of providing dental services to the population described in Subsection (2)(b); and

62 (D) is willing to pay all state costs associated with applying for the waiver described in
63 Subsection (1)(b) and administering the program described in Subsection (2)(b); and

(ii) through a fee-for-service payment model.

(e) The entity that receives the contract under Subsection (2)(d)(i) shall cover all state costs of the program described in Subsection (2)(b).

(f) Each fiscal year, the University of Utah School of Dentistry shall transfer money to the program in an amount equal to the program's non-federal share of the cost of providing services under this section through the school during the fiscal year.

(g) During each general session of the Legislature, the department shall report to the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee whether the University of Utah School of Dentistry will have sufficient funds to make the transfer required by Subsection (2)(f) for the current fiscal year.

(h) Where possible, the department shall ensure that services that are not provided by the University of Utah School of Dentistry or the University of Utah School of Dentistry's associated network are provided:

(i) through fee for service reimbursement until July 1, 2018; and

(ii) after July 1, 2018, through the method of reimbursement used by the division for Medicaid dental benefits.

(i) Subject to appropriations by the Legislature, and as determined by the department, the scope, amount, duration, and frequency of services may be limited.

(3) The reporting requirements of Section 26-18-3 apply to the waivers requested under Subsection (1).

(4) (a) If the waivers requested under Subsection (1)(a) are granted, the Medicaid program shall begin providing dental services in the manner described in Subsection (2) no later than July 1, 2017.

(b) If the waivers requested under Subsection (1)(b) are granted, the Medicaid program shall begin providing dental services to the population described in Subsection (2)(b) within 90 days from the day on which the waivers are granted.

(c) If the waivers requested under Subsection (1)(c) are granted, the Medicaid program shall begin providing dental services to the population described in Subsection (2)(b)(ii) within 90 days after the day on which the waivers are granted.

(5) If the federal share of the cost of providing dental services under this section will be less than 65% during any portion of the next fiscal year, the Medicaid program shall cease

95 providing dental services under this section no later than the end of the current fiscal year.